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1. WE DREW FCO UN DEPARTMENT HEAD MAXEY'S ATTENTION TO U.S. POSITION ON PUBLIC STATEMENT AND U.S. VERSION OF POSSIBLE SIMPLIFIED AGENDA CONTAINED REFTEL (A) AT OPENING BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 29. MAXEY CALLED BACK LATER IN DAY TO SAY THAT HE HAD JUST LEARNED THAT U.S. MISSION GENEVA HAS CIRCULATED U.S. PROPOSED AGENDA WITHOUT JOINT SPONSORSHIP. HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT THIS AND SAID HE IS NOT SURE THAT OUR APPROACH IS REALISTIC OR THAT IT IS CONSTRUCTIVE TO START OFF OCTOBER MEETING IN THIS MANNER.

2. MAXEY SAID IT WILL BE APPARENT TO GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS THAT AGENDA IS PURELY U.S. IDEA AND FOR THIS REASON IT WILL NOT BE WELCOME. HE FEELS U.S. AGENDA IGNORES
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FACT THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS OF FRENCH PROPOSAL SUB-

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SEQUENT TO JULY MEETING, BOTH BILATERALLY AND IN GENEVA. BECAUSE OF SENSITIVITY OF SOME MEMBERS OF GENEVA GROUP AS EXPRESSED IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, HE FEELS SOME PEOOLE WILL SIMPLY NOT ACCEPT THE AGENDA.

3. THUS, WE RISK STARTING OCTOBER MEETING IN WHAT MAXEY DESCRIBED AS "TENSE AND UNPLEASANT" ATMOSPHERE. WHILE UK IS ENTIRELY READY TO ENTER DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH OPEN MIND AND TO JOIN IN COLLECTIVE ACTION TO COPE WITH THE BUDGETARY CRISIS, THEY SEE DANGER IN DICTATING TO PEOPLE IN ADVANCE WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED. IT IS FOR THIS REASON UK WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A MORE OPEN AGENDA.

4. MAXEY ALSO WONDERS WHY U.S. SO OPPOSED TO PUBLIC STATEMENT. WHILE PUBLIC STATEMENT MAY NOT BE A GOOD IDEA, UK FEELS WORK ON IT HAS PROGRESSED TOO FAR FOR POSSIBILITY OF PREPARING ONE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AT OCTOBER 6 MEETING. ALSO THERE MAY BE SHORT TERM POLITICAL BENEFITS TO BE GAINED BY CALLING PUBLICLY FOR MORE REALISTIC UN BUDGETS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IT APPEARS TO MAXEY THAT U.S. IS NOW SAYING MEETING WILL BE HELD ON U.S. TERMS OR NOT AT ALL. THUS, U.S. POSITION APPEARS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM AND HARDER THAN THE ONE WE CONVEYED TO THE FCO ON THE BASIS OF STATE 233200; IF THE DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO COORDINATE FURTHER WITH HMG, WE NEED FURTHER GUIDANCE IMMEDIATELY (SEPT. 30 IS MAXEY'S LAST DAY IN THE OFFICE) ON THINKING THAT UNDERLIES U.S. POSITION.

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